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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE —- February 2022

Mike Rek

Our Presidents message was not received for inclusion into this edition.

Hopefully it will return next month.

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Meeting February 8, 2022 at 7PM

Meeting location is:

Columbus Center 2530 S. 500 E., Salt Lake City

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALL TIME

2022 Is here and its time for all "Utah Numismatic Society" members to renew their membership.

You have until April 12th

(which is the date of our April meeting) to renew.

We have recently updated the UNS membership list and discovered that there are multiple people who are receiving the UNS Mint Master who have apparently not renewed for several years. This could possibly be a clerical error and those people will be individually notified to renew in order to continue to receive the Mint Master and to verify their membership.

Remember your dues help the club with its financial obligations as well as support our *Youth Night*, *Picnic*, *Club Prizes* and *Christmas Dinner*. We urge all of you to continue your support for the UNS by paying your dues as soon as possible.

Sincerely.

UNS President / Mike Rek, Officers and Board.

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The membership application with dues

Appears on the last page of this newsletter.

COLLECTING RED COPPER CENTS

Doug Nyholm

In a recent edition of Longacre's Ledger publication of the Fly-In Club there was an article by Greg Slaughter regarding red Indian Head cents. I have often wondered about potential problems with collecting "Red" copper coins and the possibility or probability of them one day turning Red-Brown or worse to a complete Brown tone. The prices that can be attained for full Red coins can be extremely significant so what are the odds that a financial loss can be incurred by normal oxidation or aging of copper coins. What Keeps a red copper coin red? Is it the storage which includes humidity and temperature? Is it the fact that it has been stored in a slab? Or it is simply by chance? Certified slabs are not completely airtight and even the high quality plastic currently used is not impervious in allowing the passage of oxygen into or out of the slab. Furthermore slabs have only been available for about 40 years and many early coppers still show full red. Why? Copper is suspectable to oxidation the moment it falls out of the coining press. I have seen Large Cents from the early 1800's display a full red appearance with no signs of cleaning. Is this simply some sort of miracle or chance? Frankly, I think it is a miracle, there are full red early coppers that in my opinion just should not exist, but they do.

According to PCGS a full red coin must retain 95% or more of its original look. A Red-Brown coin can have a degree of original red ranging from 5% to 95%. This is a very wide margin and most coins with a degree of red would fall into this range. There is no coin which displays virtually full red that is not attractive but many RB coins are also beautiful.

The article mentioned as to what can be done to preserve your coins in their full red beauty. Realistically, other than encasing them in an oxygen free inert gas 100% airtight holder there are no guarantees. Storing them in a cool, low humidity environment should be done Storage in boxes such as Intercept Shield made by Leuchturm can help by reducing chemical impurities in the air. Short

of purchasing a laboratory zero humidity refrigerator or sending your coins into earth orbit in a vacuum you are at the mercy of your environment, resources, and praying for a miracle. If we survive for several hundred more years and assuming our hobby does too, will someday virtually all full red copper coins tone to Red-Brown. Only time will tell. Does this mean that one shouldn't pay the premiums for these beautiful and historic full red copper coins? Only you can make that decision but remember nature and physics are almost impossible to change.

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1936-D San Diego, California Pacific
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MS-68 (PCGS).
None Finer.

1870-CC Liberty Seated Silver Dollar.
OC-1. Rarity-4-.
MS-62 (PCGS). OGH.

1892 Morgan Silver Dollar.
Proof-68 (PCGS). CAC.
None Finer.

1921 Peace Silver Dollar. High Relief.
MS-66 (PCGS). CAC.

1802/1 Capped Bust Right
Half Eagle. BD-7. Rarity-5.
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AU-58 (PCGS). CAC.

1870-CC Liberty Head Eagle.
EF-40 (PCGS). OGH.

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1861-S Liberty Head Double Eagle.
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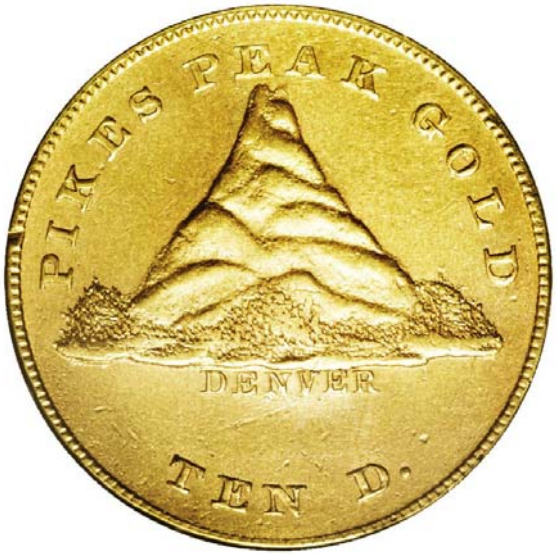
Pikes Peak Gold Coins

Doug Nyholm



Recently Heritage auctioned several Pikes Peak territorial gold coins. These were struck in 1860 by Clark, Gruber & Co, which at the time had operations in Denver. Clark, Gruber & Co. began operations in Leavenworth Kansas and was initially formed by Austin and Milton Clark and Henry Gruber.

When gold was discovered in Colorado in 1858 miners were forced to ship it as far away at Philadelphia or other distant assayers and coiners. This was expensive and costly as well as sometimes dangerous. The standard fee to ship goled was 5%. The shipment of gold also usually took a minimum of 3 weeks and sometimes as much as several months.

Clark, Gruber & Co. purchased land in Denver to build a facility to assay and coin gold in mid-1860. Coinage was first completed on July 26th of that yeaer and the firm quickly became know in the area and built a very respectable reputation. During the initial period of coinage in 1860 and continuing until 1861 a total of $594,305 in gold coins were minted.

Clark & Gruber struck several different styles and denominations of coins. Many included the standard effigy of Liberty similar to standard federal coinage with a similar eagle on the reverse. These were struck in $2 1/2, $5, $10 and $20 denominations. The liberty obverse was struck in 1860 in $2 1/2 and $5 denominations and all for denominations in 1861. These coins stated “Pikes Peak Gold” on the reverse and “Clark & Co” on Liberty's headband.

Perhaps the two most interesting pieces are the 1860 $10 and $20 denominations featuring an artists depiction of Pikes Peak on the obverse. These enigmatic issues are immediately identified with Colorado gold and the company of Clark & Gruber. However for anyone who is familiar with the actual mountain of pikes Peak one immediately wonders what the designer was attempting to depict. For anyone living in Colorado or the western United States and familiar with the many 14,000 foot elevation of many mountains this depiction of Pikes Peak does not look in any way close to that mountain or any other tall mountains in the west. Pikes Peak has an elevation of 14,115 feet and there are 25 other peaks in Colorado with an elevation of greater than 14,000 feet. The highest being Mt. Elbert at 14,440.

When I showed a picture of the coin to a non-collector friend of mine his first impression was that is was a pile of doggie-doo. That is not the first time I have received or heard a similar description. The questions then arises, what in the world was the designer/engraver thinking when he created the coin?

First, the coin was created/designed by an engraver who lived in the eastern United States. The highest peak east of the Mississippi is Mt. Washington in New Hampshire which rises a mere 6,148 feet. Compared to the Rockies this is a mere foothill. Most likely the engraver had never seen or until that time even imagined a mountain almost two and a half times higher than Mt. Washington, and he may have never even seen that mountain. He probably couldn't even imagine something that tall therefore drew upon his imagination as to what Pikes Peak might look like and proceeded to place that imaginary design on a coin. The rest is history and that mountain that appears on Clark & Grubers 1860 $10 and $20 gold coins is now history. They are also now one of the most easily identified territorial gold coins in the territorial gold series.

The rare $20 coin recently sold by Heritage (Shown Below) garnered a whopping $600,000 while the more common, but still scarce $10 coin sold for $66,000.

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BD-15, High R.5
AU53 NGC

1798 Large Eagle Five Dollar
Small 8, BD-7, R.7
AU53 NGC

1805 Five Dollar
BD-1, High R.3
MS62 NGC. CAC

1812 Five Dollar
BD-2, High R.4
MS64 NGC. CAC

1870-CC Five Dollar
VF35 NGC. CAC

1870-CC Ten Dollar
VF25 NGC. CAC

1930-S Ten Dollar
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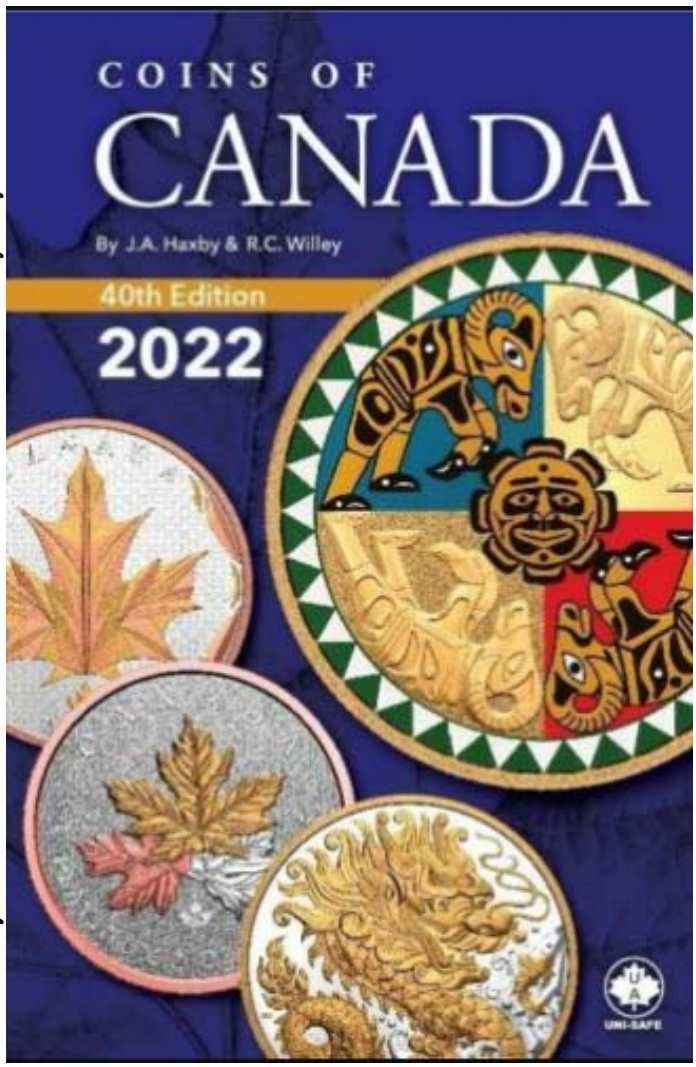

I recently ordered the 2022 updated book on the "Coins of Canada 2022" by Haxby and Willey. This is a massive coil bound book consisting of 768 pages. I believe that it is one of the best books covering Canadian coins and their associated prices. This comes in a single volume which covers circulation coins from 1858, pre-confederation coins, French coins and bullion. Also covered are the many hundreds of collector coins including colorized and holographic issues. Provincial coinage and also a small section listing banknotes from the Dominion of Canada issues from 1867-1935 is included. Bank of Canada banknotes from 1935– is also present.

If you are looking for a single reference about Canada for your library this is the book you need. I ordered my copy from eBay for about $35 tax and shipping from Wizard Coin Supply in Virginia. The cover list price is noted as $31.95.

UNS 2022 SCHEDULE

JANUARY Speaker-Kelly Finnegan / Security	FEBRUARY Members 'Show and Tell' Stories/Special coins/Experiences	MARCH Club Auction Members allowed 5 lots to auction	APRIL Speaker Brent Ashworth
MAY UNS Birthday Medal Voting	JUNE Youth Night Board Meeting	JULY UNS Picnic	AUGUST Auction
SEPTEMBER Speaker Doug Nyholm Silver Eagles	OCTOBER Coin Show Display Speaker / David Larson or Kelly Finnegan	NOVEMBER Elections / Bourse Board Meeting 6:30	DECEMBER Holiday/Christmas Dinner

WOMEN ON COINS

1. What woman appears on the reverse of a US quarter dollar from 2003?

A) Queen Isabella **B) Abigail Adams**

C) Martha Washington **D) Hellen Keller**

2. Name the Philadelphia schoolteacher who was the model for George Morgan's Silver Dollar?

A) Glenna Goodacre **B) Anna Williams**

C) Sacagawea **D) Teresa de Francisci**

3. Ellinor Dare and her daughter Virginia appear on which US Commemorative half dollar?

A) 1937 Roanoke **B) 1938 New Rochelle**

C) 1936 Delaware **D) 1936 Lynchburg**

4. Which former First Spouse (and lover of oyster-flavored ice cream) is on a 1995 comm. coin?

A) Jacqueline Kennedy **B) Dolly Madison**

C) Elanor Roosevelt **D) Abigail Adams**

5. Which Indian Statesperson is shown on some 1985 Indian coinage, following her death?

A) Indira Gandi **B) Agathokleia**

C) Sada Kau **D) Pratibha Patil**

6. Who was the fourth prime minister of Israel? She is shown on 10 New Sheqalim coins of 1995?

A) Shoshana Arbeli-Almozlino **B) Limor Livnat**

C) Shulamit Aloni **D) Golda Meir**

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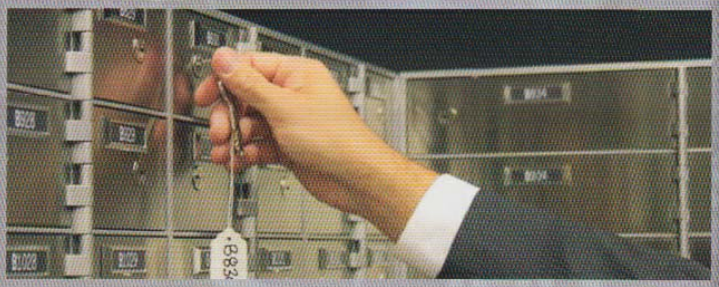

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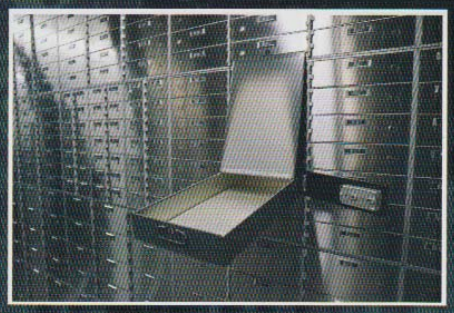

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

January was a very busy month for me. I struggled a bit to get material and articles for this edition of the Mint Master. I had several ideas rolling around my mind but with work, home-life and everything else that keeps one busy it just turned out to be a frantic month. I also purchased a new laptop and after being in IT for 27 years still find it to be a daunting task to convert and transfer everything. The software licensing was the biggest pain and I feel the challenge to anyone who is not an IT expert, of which I am probably not any longer.

I read that Q. David Bowers recently retired from doing his monthly columns after six decades. I wish him the best of whatever the future brings and I'm sure we haven't heard the last from his prolific pen.

I looked into my personal archives and noted that I took over editing the Mint Master with the Sept. 2009 issue noted as Volume 55 Issue #9. That makes this February 2022 issue my 150th consecutive Mint Master. I have enjoyed publishing every edition and hope that all of the past, present, and future UNS members have enjoyed at least some of what I have done.

February's edition is missing a couple of standard columns as I did not receive the President's Message or a list of prizes. Hopefully they will return next month. Please supply information for the Mint Master by the 26th of the month (Earlier for February)

I also continue to ask that if any member desires to submit anything for publication I urge you to do so. We are all volunteers and the more active all of you volunteers are the better the Utah Numismatic Society will be as a club.

Sincerely,

Doug Nyholm

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The Utah Numismatic Society is now enjoying its 70th year serving collectors in Utah. We sponsor an annual coin show held in Sandy which you may have attended. Our monthly meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday in Salt Lake City. We have many knowledgeable, as well as novice and beginning collectors, in attendance every month.

Our monthly publication entitled "The Mint Master" contains interesting reading featuring articles such as the 'Counterfeit Corner,' 'Book Reviews,' 'Young Numismatists,' as well as many other numismatic news-worthy columns.

Our meetings include Bourse, Auctions, expert speakers as well as our annual "Youth Night" and "Summer Picnic."

We invite you to attend one of our meetings held at the -

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Quiz Answers

1. **D**
2. **B**
3. **A**
4. **B**
5. **A**
6. **D**